

Gran Rock

MINERAL KING DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
Saturday, March 10, 1984, 10:30 A.M.
2936 So. West St.
Visalia, California

- AGENDA:
1. Roll Call, Introduction of guests
 2. Minutes
 3. Treasurer's Report
 4. Correspondence
 5. Old Business:
 - a. Garbage
 - b. Speed Zone
 6. New Business:
 - a. Update report on Security
 - b. Decision on date for next Annual Meeting, August 1984.
 - c. Report on joint Board meeting of Mineral King and Silver City with Mr Charles Cushman, Executive Director of the National Inholder Association
 - d. Report of Joint meeting with Silver City, Cabin Cove and Mineral King cabin owners and interested guests.
 - e. General discussion:
 - 1) Do we wish to pursue with saving the cabin at Mineral King if leaseholders are agreeable.
 - a) Historical Societies
 - b) Inholders Association
 - c) Representative Chip Pashayan
 - f. Do you suppose we should keep up cabin visitor days as before?

Arthur Crowley helped his father build MK road in 1899.

Suggestion: Bulletin Board in cabin with MKDA bulletin & suggestions on it. Get in touch with Tom Cairns - Lemon Cove for historical info. They have photos that Jack Peterson can copy. Ann Dungan will contact.

1. Inholders Ass'n. meeting
2. Every cabin - keep log of visitor days.

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST 7, 1983 to March 10, 1984:

Beginning Balance Checking Account:
August 1983

Received from Membership: \$1375.00

37 memberships: \$380.00
33 security: \$995.00
\$1375.00

Merl Ledford paid \$5.00 over

Expenses:

#132-12/8/83--William Stenography: Newsletter	\$25.00
#133-12/9/83--U.S. Post Office-125 stamps	\$25.00
#134-12/9/83--Curry Copy Center-115 newsletters	\$55.78
#135-12/12/83-Curry Copy Center-15 more copies-	\$16.70
Rubber stamp-	\$7.21
#136-2/2/84---National Park Service for Security	\$23.91.
#137-2/10/84--U.S/Post Office 175-13¢ stamps for	\$1,000.00
postcards for Inholder's meeting	\$22.75
#138-2/11/84-175 printed post cards	\$25.44
#139-2/24/84-cash for <u>change</u> to be made at Holiday	
Inn	\$30.00
#140-2/25/84-Holiday Inn- Coffee-	\$67.04
T.V. Rental-	\$15.00
Luncheon-	\$449.69
	\$531.73

*last yr.
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Collected for luncheon-\$449.60
difference of 69¢

Silver City will split cost of coffee and T.V.
rental-\$82.04 which will be \$41.02

Deposits:

12/12/83---\$90.00
1/6/84----\$670.00
1/16/84---\$280.00
1/31/84---\$170.00
3/5/84---\$165.00
\$1375.00

Bank Balance, 3/5/84+----- \$182.19

Savings Account Balance, 12-31--\$1658.64
yearly interest \$84.82

NATIONAL INHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Notes taken by Ora Kay Peterson with Mr. Charles Cushman during telephone conversations:

National Inholders Association is a nonprofit organization, strictly grassroots. They are not a political organization. They are not tax exempt.

There are 2 kinds of memberships: individual and group or organization, which would only be for the purpose of lobbying or when the NIA is to contract with a group. There is a full time office in Washington D.C., lobbyists, conference rooms, all facilities available for members. The organization is nationwide, with 22 clearing houses.

Their membership includes the Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, etc. They handle all the newspaper and press coverage on our problems; they give a day by day report and consult with us on this report.

After informing him that we wanted to keep our cabins in Mineral King Valley in spite of legislation otherwise; because of the historical interest of many of these cabins; single names on leases when there were other owners; our loss by death of lease holders of record this past year and record number of only widows left on these cabin leases we felt something should be done now before the first widow dies and there is no longer a lease holder of record on a cabin. It's like "Russian Roulette," which cabin is the first one to go?

Mr. Cushman would like us to set down GOALS and write down what we would like to accomplish. We would then contract with the NIA to accomplish this, and we pay them so much a month. In other words, they would handle everything for us, instead of us trying individually because they have the means and knowhow to do this for us; basically, we hire them as consultants.

Mr. Charles Cushman is Executive Director of the organization. His father is a National Park Ranger, also his brother. He knows how the Park thinks and works to accomplish what they want. He said, "The Park Service will divide us up and chop us up! They will obtain this through, divorce, death, lack of use, property not maintained or repaired, etc."

Mr. Cushman suggested a possible meeting soon, Holiday Inn, big conference room, someplace in Visalia. He suggested luncheon afterwards in order for him to visit and meet individually with people. It would be good to have Silver City and Cabin Cove meet with us also, even though Silver City is on private land, they may not be so privy in their situation. It would be best if we could join together. He would like to meet with both boards to take us

through each process and get us organized. Invite all cabin owners, visitors who use cabins, interested persons sympathetic to our cause, historical society members, other people such as Senators, Legislators, Assemblymen, Board of Supervisors, etc.

Mr. Cushman is also a member of the National Park Advisory Committee in Washington D.C. The NIA started in 1978 when the Park Service started putting pressure on the cabinowners in Wawona near Yosemite to buy up land and cabins. Mr Cushman is an owner of one of those cabins and still is. He mentioned Dr. Bob Fishback in Visalia, and Dick Edminton who has a cabin in Wilsonia. He asked that I call them to find out more about the NIA and how the organization had helped them. I have known Dr. Fishback's parents and also Dick Edminton through the Masonic lodge and Shrine. I called each of them and received nothing but positive comments. Dick Edminton said if it had not been for the NIA they would not have their cabins in Wilsonia right now!

September 27, 1983: Mr. Cushman called me to tell me Dick Edminton and Dr. Bob Fishback had both called him to tell him we interested in the NIA. He has offered to mail each cabinowner a packet of information telling them about the NIA. After checking with Bill Martin and Stony Savage they thought it all right to do so, since it was a matter of public record the names of the leaseholders and addresses.

I personally feel a sense of urgency to encourage the members of the Board to decide some plan of action because I do not want us to end up like Camp Conifer "for a better use of the land" or because we do not fit in with National Park plans as the Shenandoah Valley residents in Tennessee, "for the good of all". There should be alternate ways to save the cabins from the National Park Service either through the National Record of Historical Places or the amending of Bill H.R. 3341 of the National Recreation area, section 4, P.L. 95-625 to read: "any renewals or extensions of leases or permits shall be granted only to those persons who were lessees or permittees of record on the date of enactment of this act, or his or her spouse, or descendants of the leaseholder of record because of the historical significance of these cabins, in order to preserve and maintain them, etc."

I'm sure each one of you might have a better idea on the wording, please bring your thoughts and ideas with you at the Board meeting March 10, 1984. Annie Mitchell, local historian and author said we should add also the continual cohabitation of these cabins in order to preserve and maintain them. At the present time the NPS does not have the money to take care of what it has. Also some of us would like to delete "that the lease or permit may be terminated by the Secretary at any time the Secretary determines that such lease or permit is incompatible with the administration of the park," etc.



THE NATIONAL INHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

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PRIORITY ALERT ★ PRIORITY ALERT ★ PRIORITY ALERT

December 13, 1983

Dear Member:

We are halfway there. With your help we can complete our immediate goals for the INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT.

We must be able to continue educating Congress so that there is protection for you as an inholder in our National Parks. The ecology lobby groups have made increased park land acquisition their major thrust at recent hearings. The new Secretary of Interior stated at his confirmation hearings before Congress that he will review Interior's land acquisition policy. Tremendous pressure has been placed on him to increase park funding 500% or half a billion dollars for the next year.

A strong effort is necessary by all inholders to inform Congress about the abuses of the past and the good things inholders do. We face threats from:

- * Congressman Seiberling pushing the Park Service to buy more homes and land. He is trying to undo the LAND PROTECTION PLANNING PROCESS.
- * The Friends of the Earth making a strenuous effort to convince Congress that you are the greatest threat to the National Parks.
- * The PARK BUFFER ZONE BILL (HR 2379) could regulate all lands near or adjacent to a National Park. This bill, which just passed the House, could place more restrictions on your use of your property by coercing local counties to conform to Park Service goals. It also gives vast new powers to local park superintendents. HR 2379 must be stopped in the Senate.
- * UNFAIR APPRAISAL PRACTICES of the Park Service have caused lower property values for those willing to sell and those forced to sell under threat of condemnation.

Earlier this year we started the most important effort yet.....THE INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT. In this positive way we can educate Congress about the benefits park inholders offer. Already the project has proven successful, dramatically affecting the debate and vote on the Park Buffer Zone Bill in the House.

THE INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT INCLUDES:

- * A personal visit to each Senate and Congressional office by our INHOLDERS CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE to inform Congress about inholder issues and gain support.
- * The INHOLDERS CONGRESS TASK FORCE includes a former Senate staff aide, our Washington Representative, and many volunteers.
- * INHOLDERS INFORMATION KIT designed specifically for each Senator and Congressman, supplying each with General Accounting Office reports critical of Park Service land acquisition, all past issues of the NATIONAL INHOLDER NEWS, a complete list of important documents such as the "Wall Street Journal" editorials and much more.

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Your contribution will give us the funds to educate Congress about the problems you face as an inholder and the positive contribution of continued private ownership.

The INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT will cost \$12,000. Already we have received over \$7,000. Your special contribution will be a strong affirmation to us and our many volunteers that you value our efforts.

Inholders are assets to National Parks.....not threats. Surprisingly, many congressional staff are not aware that most park laws allow inholders to keep their land. They don't know about alternative land protection methods avoiding preventing outright purchase and relocation. They don't know about the regulations and pressures inholders face from park managers.

THE INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT WILL HELP YOU BY:

- * CONTINUING AN ON-GOING PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. protecting inholders.
- * EDUCATING CONGRESS about inholders and the problems they face.
- * COMPILING A BACKGROUND SHEET about the particular inholder conflicts each Congressman and Senator face in their areas.
- * EVALUATING THE VOTING RECORD of each House and Senate Member.
- * PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION to local inholder groups to help you with Congress.

YOUR ENTIRE INVESTMENT AND THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY IS AT STAKE. If you sit back, the Congress will vote for massive new land acquisition funding. With the 1984 election coming up, Congress will be very busy and only groups with a strong grass roots political base will get help.

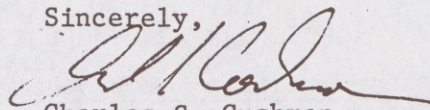
It is up to us to tell Congress what inholders are and what we're not. The INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT will provide balanced information so each Senator and Congressman can make informed decisions about inholders, now and in the future.

For years inholders have been on the defensive. With the 1984 election around the corner, Congress must be made to appreciate the positive value of inholders.

Can we count on you to make a donation to this special project? We must reach every Congressman and Senator quickly to help them understand inholder problems and possible solutions.

We need your help. Please take the time today to send a special contribution to the INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT. Your membership and support are very important to us. Inholders face a crossroads and a great opportunity. Your extra gift will help us take advantage of it now. Wishing you and your family a prosperous, healthy, and happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Charles S. Cushman

P. S. The INHOLDERS CONGRESS PROJECT has been undertaken to help inholders. For a few dollars you have an opportunity to have your voice heard in a big way. We've taken the risk of starting the project with the hope that you'll back us up. Please send \$25, \$50, \$100 or more in the enclosed prepaid envelope. It's a small price to pay to protect your property....and it won't seem like very much when we are successful in getting Congress on our side.